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SUBJ: WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) SPECIAL COMITE:
QUESTION OF US COOPERATION

REF: STATE 149596 NOTAL AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY. AMB BENNETT CONVEYED US POSITION REGARDING COOPERATION
WITH WDC SPECIAL COMITE TO IRANIAN PERM REP HOVEYDA PER PARAS
TWO AND THREE REFTEL AUG 2. HOVEYDA FELT PRESENT WDC COMITE
WOULD HOLD ONE BRIEF "NON-MEETING" PRIOR TO 28TH GA BUT WOULD
NOT SUBMIT FORMAL REPORT TO 28TH GA. HOVEYDA HAS BEGUN
CONSULTATIONS REGARDING WDC RES AT 28TH GA -- HE IS THINKING
OF RES THAT WOULD IN EFFECT ABOLISH PRESENT WDC COMITE AND
CREATE NEW, SLIGHTLY LARGER COMITE. NUCLEAR POWERS WOULD BE
INVITED TO PARTICIPATE OR TO COOPERATE WITH NEW COMITE.
HOVEYDA ASKED FOR US SUPPORT OF SUCH RES. END SUMMARY.
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1. AMB BENNETT CALLED ON HOVEYDA AUG 2 TO REPLY TO HOVEYDA'S
EARLIER QUESTIONS (USUN 1769 NOTAL) CONCERNING POSSIBLE US
COOPERATION WITH WDC COMITE PER PARAS TWO AND THREE REFTEL.
HOVEYDA INDICATED HE WOULD REPORT US POSITION TO COMITE

PRIOR TO 28TH GA. HE BELIEVED COMITE WOULD NOT FORMALLY REPORT TO 28TH GA, ALTHOUGH HE WAS THINKING OF MAKING FORMAL STATEMENT TO 28TH GA AS IRANIAN PERM REP THAT WOULD (A) SUMMARIZE COMITE'S EFFORTS AND (B) INTRODUCE NEW WDC RES.

2. HOVEYDA BELIEVED WDC EXERCISE AT 28TH GA SHOULD PROCEED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. SYG WALDHEIM SHOULD SUBMIT BRIEF REPORT OUTLINING HIS ACTIONS IN CONVENING WDC COMITE. WHEN ITEM COMES UP, HOVEYDA WOULD IN EFFECT REPORT THAT COMITE PROVED TO BE UNWORKABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE CONTINUED. HE WOULD THEN INTRODUCE NEW WDC RES.

3. HOVEYDA SAID HIS PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS INDICATED THAT WDC RES AT 28TH GA SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING: (A) PROVISION FOR NEW WDC SPECIAL COMITE OF ABOUT 45 MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY NAMED IN RES; (B) PROVISION THAT NUCLEAR POWERS WOULD BE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN COMITE ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH OTHERS IN ANY FORM THEY CHOSE, (C) PROVISION THAT WDC SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED AND CONVENED AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

4. HOVEYDA NOTED THAT SOME FACE-SAVING FORMULA WAS NEEDED TO KEEP THE WDC IDEA ALIVE BECAUSE OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR IDEA FROM SOVIETS AND NON-ALIGNED. EVEN IN IRAN, HE SAID, PUBLIC OPINION WOULD CALL FOR SOME FURTHER STEP TOWARD WDC. HE BELIEVED HE COULD HANDLE THE SOVIETS BUT FEARED THAT NON-ALIGNED WOULD TABLE EXTREME WDC RES AT 28TH GA UNLESS HE TOOK EARLY INITIATIVE WITH RES ALONG LINES HE DESCRIBED. HE STRESSED HE DID NOT WANT TO BE AT ODDS WITH US ON THIS ISSUE; HIS COUNTRY ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS WITH US AND INDEED WITH ALL NUCLEAR POWERS. HE HOPED US WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT WDC RES OF SORT HE HAD IN MIND.

5. HOVEYDA HAD RECENTLY HEARD THAT FRENCH WOULD CHANGE POSITION ON WDC COMITE, FOLLOWING CURRENT SERIES OF NUCLEAR TESTS, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN WDC COMITE.
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6. AMB BENNETT SAID HE WOULD REPORT HOVEYDA'S IDEAS TO WASHINGTON BUT FRANKLY COULD NOT NOW HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE OF CHANGE IN FUNDAMENTAL US CONVICTION THAT PREPARATIONS FOR WDC WERE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIMELY AND UNWISE.

6. COMMENT: OUR POSTURE IN WDC EXERCISE AT 28TH GA UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE ONE OF DAMAGE LIMITATION. WE WILL DEFER OUR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC TACTICS PENDING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH UK, FRANCE, PRC AND KEY LA AND NON-ALIGNED DELS.
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